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FROM: CG, 2/17th Cavalry

TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (Abtl)

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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry INTSUM 213-70
2. (U) 312000H July 1970 to 012000 August 1970.
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity

(1) 010810H via YD351881, B/2/17 obsr a $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide trail oriented E-W with signs of activity within the last 48 hours.

(2) 010830E via YD359188, B/2/17 obsr 1 5x8' bunker and a 2x10' trench with signs of activity within the last week.

(3) 010844H via YD030651, A/2/17 obsr a camouflaged unoccupied AA/AW position with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(4) 010845H via YD023651, A/2/17 obsr a 3' wide trail with signs of activity by an undetermined number of personnel moving north within the last 24 hours.

(5) 010655H via XD990653, A/2/17 obsr an unoccupied mortar position with no signs of recent activity.

(6) 010900H via XD968629, A/2/17 obsr a 2' wide trail with signs of activity by 10-15 personnel moving west within the last 24 hours. Obsr 15 3x5' bunkers.

(7) 010910H via XD954632, A/2/17 obsr 10 5x6' bunkers and a 2' wide trail with signs of activity by 10 personnel moving west within the last 24 hours.

(8) 010915H via XD965627, A/2/17 obsr a 2' wide with signs of activity by 10 personnel moving NW within the last 24 hours.

(9) 010925H via XD965627, A/2/17 obsr 5 5x5' bunkers with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

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(10) 011046H via YD001657, A/2/17 OH6A AAR mission received 5 rounds of heavy calibre fire (possible 23mm) at 25', 60 knots with no hits. Not in AC, did not engage. SHEL.

(11) 011250H via YD358193, B/2/17 obsr a 1' wide trail oriented N-S with signs of activity by 20 personnel within the last 24-48 hours. Obsr 2 5x5' bunkers.

(12) 011253H via YD357185, B/2/17 obsr signs of activity by approx 100 personnel in a stream bed within the last 24 hours.

(13) 011300H via YD361177, B/2/17 obsr a 2' wide trail with signs of activity by 20-30 personnel moving NE within the last 24-48 hours.

(14) 011302H via YD360180, B/2/17 obsr a 2' wide trail oriented NE-SW with numerous fighting positions oriented along the trail with signs of activity within the last 24-48 hours.

(15) 011306E via YD361184, B/2/17 obsr 1 3x15' bunker with signs of activity within the last 24-48 hours.

(16) 011309E via YD363184, B/2/17 obsr 1 5x10' cave entrance with a wooden door and several canteen covers strewn through the area. Engaged area with gunships with unknown results.

(17) 011313H via YD365185, B/2/17 obsr a 2' wide trail oriented NE-SW with numerous 4x4' fighting positions oriented along the trail with signs of activity within the last 24-48 hours.

(18) 011319H via YD363190, B/2/17 obsr a 3x3' cave entrance with rocks piled in front blocking the entrance with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(19) 011325H via YD373177, B/2/17 obsr a 1 1/2' wide trail oriented NW-SE with signs of activity by 20 personnel within the last 24 hours.

(20) 011327H via YD373179, B/2/17 obsr 1 5x8' bunker and 3 1 1/2x1 1/2' tunnel entrances with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(21) 011350E via YD39020, 220th RAC obsr 1 4 ton truck previously destroyed with approximately 12 NVA in area possibly unloading supplies. ARA was employed resulting in 2 secondary explosions and 4 NVA KBARA.

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b. Ground Activity

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(1) 010835H via XD973337, Rgr tm COLUMBIA heard semi automatic weapons fire from an estimated 6-8 weapons via XD974337.

(2) 011130H via XD727414, Rgr tm BELGIUM discovered 2 3x4x3' bunkers with no signs of recent activity. Tm discovered 2 strands of commo wire, blue in color, oriented NE-SW from the bunkers to a nearby tree.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: Neg

a. Neg

b. By 2/17th Cavalry (Total for operation TEXAS STAR)

(1) $\frac{487}{KIA}$ $\frac{487}{NVA}$ $\frac{05}{POW}$

(2) and (3) Omitted

(4) $\frac{46}{IWC}$ $\frac{09}{CWC}$

5. APD MISSION: Neg

6. ROUTE RECON: No change from last report.

7. UPDATE: Ref INTSUM #212-70 Spot report #6 Air activity. Should read: Acft sustained 1 hit in the main rotor blade with no casualties. Acft returned to base where it was found to be nonflyable.

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ANNEX 1 to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 213-70 Rpt to BOLIVIA #13

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zone; To monitor enemy movement; To check for possible enemy base areas and cache sites. To conduct a PW snatch if the tactical situation permits.

2. EET: Identification, size, and activity of enemy in area.

3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US

4. CONDITION OF PATROL: 1 US with mononucleosis.

5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:

a. In: 291000H Jul 70 Vic: XD693443 Method: Touchdown

b. Out: 311700H Jul 70 Vic: XD692443 Method: Touchdown

6. ROUTE:

7. TERRAIN: No canopy, elephant grass 4-9' high, wooded lowland.

8. ENEMY: 301800H tm discovered a hole 6' deep and 6' in diameter which could possibly be a 12.7mm MG emplacement with no signs of recent activity vic XD692440. 310940H tm heard a signal shot to the west of their position which was XD692401. 310900H tm discovered a possible NVA rest area where trails intersected vic XD692401 with signs of activity by 3-4 personnel within the last 4 days. There were no contacts of additional significant sightings.

9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conformed to map

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Poor

11. RIZ's: Numerous

12. CONCLUSIONS: Light enemy movement through the area. At 0830H on the 31st tm discovered that their claymores had been tampered with during the night. The camouflage had been removed and the fuze had been removed from 6 claymores. An additional signal shot was heard on the 30th at 1200H.

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311300H July 1970 - 2/1/2-17 Cav inserted via XD972337 and moved W. Via XD967338 fd high speed 2' wide trail oriented N-S paralleling the stream same loc with rec use by 20-25 personnel. Via XD967338 plt fd fireplace used within the last 24 hours. Via XD967337 fd high speed, well packed, 2 1/2' wide trl oriented SW with rec use by 25-30 personnel. Another high speed, N-S trl via XD965340 was fd that appeared to have been dug with a plow for approx 40 meters and then packed down by foot. The plt fd approx 25 new bunkers 3x5x4' spread out along either side of the stream that runs from XD966338 to XD966334. None of the bkrs were older than 3 weeks and none of these bunkers had been damaged by bombs. The plt turned back to the N at XD966334 and followed the trl. Via XD965341 plt fd a dug cut area 15 meters across and 12 meters deep in the side of the hill. The cut was 5' deep at the back of the shelf. There were 2 bkrs on the S side of the cut 20 meters apart, 1 bkr on the N side and 1 bkr to the W of the cut 25 meters up the hill. This area was camouflaged and the materials used was no older than 48 hours. The plt thinks this dug cut area was possibly the beginnings of a large CP bunker or cache site. Another E-W, high speed trl, 4' wide with recent heavy use by at least 25 personnel was fd via XD965338. The elephant grass grew over the trl so that it was completely covered in most spots from the air. There were 3 bkrs along this trl via XD965338 w/1 bkr overlooking the dug cut area via XD965341. At XD962339 there was a bomb crater w/1 bkr adjacent to its edge on the W. The bkr was not damaged. Another high speed trl, 3' wide oriented N-S was fd via XD962339 w/rec use. While the plt was located via XD977340, 8 x 60mm mortars were rec'd from 700-800 meters to the NW. Members of the plt hrd the rds being dropped into the tube. None of the mortars impacted closer than 100 meters to the plt's loc.

CONCLUSIONS: The plt est there are approx 100 bkrs via grid square XD9633, most of them undamaged by the bomb strike. The trls are hard packed by rec heavy use. The plt fd no enemy equipment, documents, or refuse in the area. There were no signs of injury to the personnel who had occupied the area. The plt ldr estimated that the area had been used w/in the last 48 hours by 300-400 personnel.

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